

Remarks

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2005. Claims 1-14, 16, and 17 are being cancelled, claim 15 is being amended, and claims 20-24 are being added. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of claims 15 and 18-24.

Claim 15 is being amended to include the limitation of a flexible hose in fluid communication with said at least one of said extensions to simplify filling a container with said at least one of the fluid components of the multi-component fluid. This particular feature is disclosed in paragraph [0029], and is thus not new. Fig. 5 is being amended, as shown in the enclosed marked-up Fig. 5, to show the flexible tubes in paragraph [0029]. Likewise, paragraph [0029] is being amended to include reference number added to Fig. 5 referencing the tubes. Approval of the change to Fig. 5 and entry of the amendment to the specification is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully asserts that none of the cited references disclose or suggest a kit including a multi-component fluid mix ratio check nozzle engageable with the multi-component fluid dispensing gun for receiving the fluid components from the passageways, said nozzle including a base engageable with the multi-component fluid dispensing gun, and at least two hollow extensions extending downstream from said base, wherein at least one of said extensions provides a passageway which dispenses at least one of the fluid components of the multi-component fluid without mixing with the other fluid components of the multi-component fluid in order to determine the mix ratio of the fluid components dispensed by the gun; and a flexible hose in fluid communication with said at least one of said extensions to simplify filling a container with said at least one of the fluid components of the multi-component fluid without mixing with the other fluid components.

Ball et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,102,016) and Chabria (U.S. Pat. No. 4,428,530) were cited in the present application for anticipating claim 15. Ball et al. dispenses fluid components which are at least in touching association, and thus are capable of mixing upon being dispensed. Likewise, Chabria directs streams of the fluid components toward a common focal point to effect mixing upon being dispensed. Therefore, these cited references do not disclose or suggest a flexible hose in fluid communication with at least one of said extensions to

simplify filling a container with at least one of the fluid components of the multi-component fluid without mixing with the other fluid components, as required by amended claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 15 is allowable over these references cited in the present application.

Downs (U.S. Pat. No. 2,380,827) was also cited in combination with Chabria for rendering claim 18 obvious. Claim 18 depends from claim 15. Downs does not disclose or suggest a flexible hose in fluid communication with at least one of said extensions to simplify filling a container with at least one of the fluid components of the multi-component fluid without mixing with the other fluid components, as required by amended claim 15. Therefore, Downs does not satisfy the deficiency of Chabria. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of claim 18

Ball et al. was also cited in combination with Finn (U.S. Pat. No. 5,462,204) for rendering claim 15 obvious. Finn does not disclose or suggest a flexible hose in fluid communication with at least one of said extensions to simplify filling a container with at least one of the fluid components of the multi-component fluid without mixing with the other fluid components, as required by amended claim 15. Therefore, Finn does not satisfy the deficiency of Ball et al. Claims 18 and 19 depend from claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 15, 18, and 19

Claim 20 is being added, and are directed at a method of adjusting a mix ratio of a multi-component fluid dispensed from a multi-component fluid dispensing gun. The method includes covering a dispensing end of the multi-component fluid dispensing gun with a multi-component fluid mix ratio check nozzle for receiving at least one fluid component dispensed by said multi-component fluid dispensing gun, wherein said nozzle prevents said at least one fluid component dispensed from said multi-component fluid dispensing gun from mixing with other fluid components; directing said at least one fluid component received by said mix ratio check nozzle into a container; determining at least one physical property of said at least one fluid component in said container to determine the mix ratio of the multi-component fluid dispensed from said multi-component fluid dispensing gun; and adjusting the flow of said at least one fluid component into said multi-component fluid dispensing gun to change the mix ratio of said multi-component fluid dispensed from said multi-component fluid

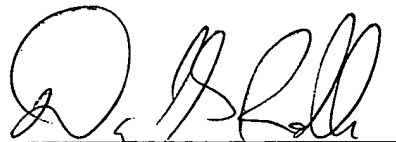
dispensing gun. This method is disclosed in paragraph [0032] of the present application.

Applicant respectfully asserts that none of the cited references disclose covering a dispensing end of the multi-component fluid dispensing gun with a multi-component fluid mix ratio check nozzle for receiving at least one fluid component dispensed by said multi-component fluid dispensing gun, wherein said nozzle prevents said at least one fluid component dispensed from said multi-component fluid dispensing gun from mixing with other fluid components, and directing said at least one fluid component received by said mix ratio check nozzle into a container. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 20 is allowable over the references cited in the present application.

Claims 21-24 depend from claim 20, which Applicant believes is allowable. The subject matter of claims 21-24 can be found in paragraphs [0027], [0031], [0029], and [0030], respectively, of the present application. Therefore, claims 21-24 do not contain new matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 21-24 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to claim 15 and cancellation of claims 1-14, 17, and 18, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 15 and 18-24 are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of claims 15 and 18-24 are respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge a RCE fee for a small entity to deposit account no. 17-0055. No additional fees for filing this response are believed to be due. However, if such fees are due, including extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to deposit account no. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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